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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Brian K. Estabrook et al.
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Title: PORT DEVICE FOR SUBCUTANEOUS
ACCESS TO THE VASCULAR SYSTEM
OF A PATIENT
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed August 27, 2002 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from September 27, 2002 to November 27, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON:

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